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Senator Van Woerkom's EUCL Legislation Reported Out of Committee

Bill would require End User Common Line fee to be justified.

LANSING – Legislation sponsored by Senator Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, to provide adequate oversight of the End User Common Line (EUCL) fee billed to consumers by local telephone providers was favorably reported out of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee today.

"I appreciate the timely consideration of Senate Bill 1 by the members of the Technology and Energy committee," Van Woerkom said. "Residents in West Michigan, and across the state, have a right to know exactly what they are paying for when they send in their monthly phone bills."

Senate Bill 1 would require local telephone providers to justify the EUCL fee to the Michigan Public Service Commission. The commission would then have the authority to determine if the charge was a legitimate business expense on consumers.

All phone customers, including senior citizens and multi-line small businesses, are subject to the EUCL fee.

"AARP would like to thank Senator Van Woerkom for working on legislation that has been long overdue," Harvey Hollins, Government Affairs Representative of the AARP Michigan State Office said. "Senate Bill 1 provides consumers with an opportunity for relief in the cost of their telephone services."

SB 1 will now be sent to the full Senate for consideration.

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